

CITY OF CARLISLE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 7, 2005
7:00 P.M.
Carlisle City Hall Council Chamber

Officials present: Mayor Ruth Randleman, Councilmembers Drew Merrifield, Allen Wiese, Pat Stump, Blair Dewey and Frank Shultz. City Administrator Neil Ruddy and Deputy Clerk Pat Brehse. Mayor Randleman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randleman OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2005-06 BUDGET and Certification of City Taxes. Vern Richards asked about the \$234,000 that is budgeted for a First Street trail and streetscape project. Councilmember Wiese stated that he had received an email from Larry Watkins about the impact of the budget on the business climate. The City Administrator explained that the general tax rate for operations will remain at \$9.36 per \$1,000 for the fourth consecutive year and that the general tax rate for debt service will increase from \$3.55 per \$1000 to \$4.62 per \$1000 due to the bond issue for the aquatic center for a total tax rate of \$13.98 per \$1000. No other written or oral comments were received.

Motion by Wiese to CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING at 7:07 P.M. Seconded by Shultz. Roll call vote: Stump – Aye, Shultz – Aye, Dewey – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Merrifield - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Stump to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2005030701 APPROVING THE 2005-06 BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES. Seconded by Dewey. Roll call vote: Stump – Aye, Dewey – Aye, Shultz – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Merrifield - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND VEHICLE was considered. Fire Chief Burger requested a 2005 Chevrolet Avalanche at a cost of \$30,762 with a first-year payment of \$7,732 because it will hold the existing vehicle box and provide the best versatility. The possibility of a used vehicle or a standard pick-up was discussed. The Fire Chief stated that there would be security and mobility issues with a standard pick-up truck. Electrical problems with the light bar on the existing command vehicle were discussed. It is estimated that the light bar could be upgraded at a cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000. Motion by Dewey to APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2005 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE at a cost of \$30,762 with a first-year payment of \$7,732. Seconded by Stump. Roll call vote: Dewey – Aye, Stump – Aye, Shultz – Nay, Wiese – Nay, Merrifield - Nay. Motion failed by a 3-2 vote. Motion by Shultz to APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A LIGHT BAR FOR THE EXISTING COMMAND VEHICLE out of the 2004-05 budget. Seconded by Merrifield. Roll call vote: Shultz – Aye, Merrifield – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Stump – Nay, Dewey – Nay. Motion carried by a 3-2 vote.

The POLICE TRAINING REQUESTS tabled from February 28th were reconsidered. Recent negative publicity about the use of tasers was discussed. The difference between a paramilitaristic and a community policing philosophy was discussed. Motion by Stump to APPROVE THE ATTENDANCE OF OFFICER ANDERSON AT ILEA TASER INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL ON JUNE 22-23, 2005, OFFICER BAULER AT ILEA BASIC CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SCHOOL ON APRIL 11-15, 2005 AND THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY CONFERENCE IN AMES AND OFFICER MOEHRING AT ILEA SNIPER/OBSERVER RIFLE SCHOOL ON APRIL 11-15, 2005, ILEA FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL AND ILEA OPEN SIGHT RIFLE INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL. Seconded by Dewey. Roll call vote: Stump – Aye, Dewey – Aye, Shultz – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Merrifield - Nay. Motion carried by a 4-1 vote. Councilmember Merrifield stated that Carlisle does not need sniper training.

Mayor Randleman recommended attendance at the JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING on March 11, 2005 at 11:00 A.M. at the Des Moines City Council Chambers.

Motion by Dewey to adjourn at 8:55 P.M. Seconded by Shultz. Roll call vote: Dewey – Aye, Shultz – Aye, Stump – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Merrifield - Aye. Motion carried.

Ruth Randleman, Mayor

Attest:

Neil Ruddy, Administrator/Clerk